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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CLEARANCE OF WEST BERLIN TURKISH  
WORKER FLIGHTS

REF: (A) BONN 13292; (B) SOFIA 1493

1. FONOFF KRONEK TOLD EMB CAA AUGUST 30, THAT FRG HAD MADE A LOW-KEY INQUIRY WITH GOG RE CLOSING OF SALONIKA AIRWAY. ACCORDING TO KRONEK, FRG INQUIRY WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY BERLIN SENAT OVER THE PROBLEMS FOR BERLIN CARRIERS IN COMPLETING TURKISH WORKER FLIGHTS CAUSED BY CLOSING OF GREEK AIRWAY. THE GREEK REPLY WAS THAT ACTION HAD BEEN NECESSARY BECAUSE OF TURKISH MOVE TO ENLARGE ITS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AREA. KRONEK SAID THAT WHATEVER THE FACTS BEHIND THE GREEK ACTION, FRG WOULD NOT PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER AND HAD NO PLANS TO RAISE WITH THE BULGARIANS THE LATTER'S REFUSAL TO GRANT BERLIN-ORIGIN FLIGHTS OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS.

2. BRITISH CAA GROVES REPORTED THAT HE HAD RAISED THE SAME QUESTION WITH LONDON BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF BUSINESS EXPERIENCED BY BRITISH SUPPLEMENTALS AS A RESULT OF  
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THE SITUATION. LONDON TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE ONLY

SOLUTION WAS TO ROUTE FLIGHTS THROUGH THE FRG AND THENCE VIA BULGARIAN AIRSPACE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BRITISH CARRIER LAKER HAS ARRANGED FOR AT LEAST ONE SUCH FLIGHT FOR THIS WEEKEND, AND AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PAA HAS ALREADY COMPLETED TWO TURKISH FLIGHTS STOPPING AT NUERNBERG. THE FRG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT HAS BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE IN GRANTING THE NECESSARY LIFT-OFF CLEARANCES.

3. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, KRONEK SAID THAT BERLIN CARRIERS' INABILITY TO COMPLETE TURKISH WORKER CONTRACTS WAS CAUSING CONCERN, SINCE BUSINESS WAS BEING LOST TO SCHOENEFELD WHICH PROBABLY COULD NOT BE REGAINED. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, BERLIN SENAT WAS GIVING SOME CONSIDERATION TO REIMBURSING THE CARRIERS FOR LOSSES INCURRED RESULTING FROM INTERIM LANDINGS IN THE FRG. KRONEK WAS NOT AS YET CERTAIN WHETHER SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD MATERIALIZE AND ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE CLOSELY HELD.  
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